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APPLICANTS: Bader, et al.

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EXAMINER: A. Marschel

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FOR: Methods for Classifying Nucleic Acids and Polypeptides

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office action mailed January 29, 2004 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on July 29, 2004. A check in the amount of \$475.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 21402-019. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

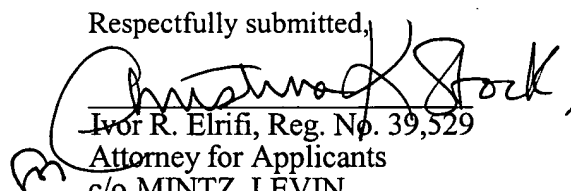
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